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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

Subject: "Lesson Learned From the Story of Ehad."

Text: "But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehad, the son of Gera, a Benjaminite, a man left handed."—Judges iii., 15.

Ehad was a ruler in Israel. He was left handed, and what was peculiar about the tribe of Benjamin, to which he belonged, there were in it no right handed men, and yet so dexterous had they all become in the use of the left hand that the Bible says they could sling stones at a hair's breadth and not miss.

Well, there was a king of the name of Eglon who was an oppressor of Israel. He imposed upon them a most outrageous tax. Ehad, the man of whom I first spoke, had a divine commission to destroy that oppressor. He came, pretending that he was going to pay the tax, and asked to see King Eglon. He was told he was in the summer house, the place to which the king retired when it was too hot to sit in the palace. This summer house was a place surrounded by flowers and trees and springing fountains and warbling birds.

Ehad entered the summer house and said to King Eglon that he had a secret errand with him. Immediately all the attendants were waved out of the royal presence. King Eglon rises up to receive the messenger. Ehad, the left handed man, puts his left hand to his right side, pulls out a dagger and thrusts Eglon through until the left ventricle of the bladder. Eglon falls. Ehad comes forth to blow a trumpet of recruit amid the mountains of Ephraim, and a great host is marshaled, and proud Moab submits to the conqueror, and Israel is free. So, O Lord, let all Thy enemies perish! So, O Lord, let all Thy friends triumph!

I learn first from this subject the power of left handed men. There are some men who by physical organization have as much strength in their left hand as in their right hand, but there is something in the writing of this text which implies that Ehad had some defect in his right hand which compelled him to use the left. Oh, the power of left handedness! Genius is often self-observed, careful of itself, not given to mischief, burning incense to its own aggrandizement, while many a man with no natural endowments, actually defective in physical and mental organization, has an earnestness for the right, a patriotism, an all consuming perseverance which achieve marvels for the kingdom of Christ. Though left handed as Ehad, they can strike down a sin as great and imperial as Eglon.

I have seen men of wealth gathering about them all the things of the world, the cases of a world lying in wickedness, roughly ordering Lazarus out of their doorstep, sending their dogs, not to lick his sores, but to hound him out of their premises, catching all the pure rain of God's blessing into the stagnant,ropy, frog-inhabited pool of their own selfishness—right-handed men, worse than useless—while many a man with large heart and little purse has out of his limited means made poverty leap for joy and started an influence that overshadows the grave and will swing round and round the throne of God, without end, amen.

Ah, me, it is high time that you left handed men who have been longing for this gift and that eloquence and the other man's wealth should take your left hand out of your pocket. Who made all these riches? Who set up all these cities? Who started all these churches and schools and asylums? Who has done all the tugging and running and pulling? Men of no wonderful endowments, thousands of them acknowledging themselves to be left handed, and yet they were earnest, and yet they were determined, and yet they were triumphant.

But I do not suppose that Ehad the first time he took a sling in his hand could throw a stone a hair's breadth and not miss. I suppose it was practice that made him do the wonderful dexterity. Go forth to your spheres of duty and be not discouraged if in your first attempts you miss the mark. Ehad missed it. Take another stone, put it carefully into the sling, swing it around your head, take better aim, and the next time you will strike the center. The first time that a mason rings his trowel upon the brick he does not expect to put up a perfect wall. The first time a carpenter sends a plane over a board or drives a bit through a beam he does not expect to make perfect execution. The first time a boy attempts a rhyme he does not expect to chime a "Lalla Rookh" or a "Lady of the Lake." Do not be surprised if in your first efforts at doing good you are not very largely successful. Understand that usefulness is an art, a science, a trade.

There was an oculist performing a very difficult operation on the human eye. A young doctor stood by and said: "How easy you do that. It doesn't seem to ease you any trouble at all." "Ah," said the old oculist, "it is very easy now, but I spoiled a hatful of eyes to learn that." Be not surprised if it takes some practice before you can help men to moral elevation, or bring them to the vision of the cross. Left handed men to the work! Take the gospel for a sling and faith and repentance for the smooth stones from the brook, take sure aim, God direct the weapon, and great Goliaths will tumble before you.

I learn also from this subject the danger of worldly elevation. This Eglon was what the world called a great man. There were hundreds of men who would have considered it the greatest honor of their life just to have him speak to them. Yet, although he is so high up in worldly position, he is not beyond the reach of Ehad's dagger. I see a great many people trying to climb up in social position, having an idea that there is a safe place somewhere far above, not knowing that the mountain of sin has a top like Mount Blanc, covered with perpetual snow.

We laugh at the children of Shinar for trying to build a tower that could reach to the heavens, but I think if our eyesight were only good enough we could see a Babel in many a dooryard. Oh, the struggle is fierce! It is store against store, house against house, street against street, Nation against Nation. The goal for which men are running is chairs and chandeliers and mirrors and houses and lands and presidential equipments. If they get what they anticipate, what have they got? Men are not safe from calamity while they live, and worse than that, they are not safe after they are dead, for I have seen swine root up graveyards.

One day a man goes up into publicity, and the world does him honor, and people climb up into gnomes' trees to watch him as he passes, and as he goes along on the shoulders of the people there is a waving of hats and a wild huzza. To-morrow the same man is caught between the jaws of the printing press and mangled and bruised, and the very same audience who applauded him before cry: "Down with the traitor! Down with him!"

Belshazzar sits at the feast, the mighty men of Babylon sitting all around him. Wit sparkles like wine and the wine like wit. Music rolls up among the chandeliers; the chandeliers flash down on the delectables. The breath of hanging gardens floats in on the night air; the voice of revelry floats on. Amid wreaths and tapestry and folded bands a singer wails. The march of a host is heard on the stairs. Laughing catches in the throat. A thousand hearts stop beating. The blow is struck. The blood on the floor is richer hued than the wine on the table. The kingdom has departed.

Belshazzar was no worse perhaps than hundreds of people in Babylon, but his position was different. He was content with just such a position as God has placed you in. It may not be said of you, "He was a great general," or "He was an honored chieftain," or "He was mighty in worldly attainments," but this thing may be said of you and me, "He was a good citizen, a faithful Christian, a friend of Jesus." And that in the next day will be the highest of all eulogiums.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

The Boston infield is now the strongest in the League. BALTIMORE has one of the best throwing clubs in the League. The Boston has made fewer sacrifice hits than any other team in the League. SEYMOUR GORMAN has joined the "rooters" of O'Rourke's band of Washington slug-gers. It would be hard to find an infield that works more earnestly than the St. Louis quartet. The young St. Louis catcher, Peitz, is doing as good work as any catcher in the League.

The ex-king pitcher, Guy Hecker, is now operating a little independent club at Oil City, Penn. Just bear in mind that the third baseman and short stop have to bear the brunt of the infield work this year.

It is the height of all New England brood players' ambition to some day be a member of the Boston League team. WARREN CONNOR and Davis, of the New Yorks, but right-handed every time they face a left-handed pitcher and do quite well.

"JACK" NELSON, of old Atlantic and Metropolitan fame, is playing a very good game of ball, though he is forty-four years of age. LANG, Chicago's big second baseman, is too awkward on the field to ever become as proficient as his predecessor in the position—Fred Pfeiffer.

The Philadelphia team now contains more left-handed batsmen than any other in the League—five, all told, when Clements and Beilly are playing.

LOWE is playing second base better than any man has played it for the Boston Club since the days that prince of second basemen, John Burdock.

Never before in the history of baseball was the general public more deeply interested in the affairs of the green diamond field than it is to-day.

The demand for pitchers is very great in the League, and there will be every effort to recruit from the college ranks as soon as the college season is over.

Left-handed pitchers are no longer in demand in the big League. Never have there been fewer "southpaws" employed in a major League than now.

BOSTON, New York—in fact every club in the League, except St. Louis, Cleveland and Brooklyn—are widely scouring the country for the evening star, and the hour star of the game has been in vain.

STREY'S pitching is the sensation of the season. The Brooklyn pitcher's record has never been excelled in the same number of games. It is more remarkable on account of the increased pitching distance.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL OLNEY is the only member of Cleveland's Cabinet who has shown himself to be a "baseball crank." He is sometimes seen at the Washington baseball park taking in the game from an obscure corner of the grand stand.

CAPTAIN QUINN, of St. Louis, says that as a result of the increased pitching distance the batsmen who have been putting their hits to right field now make it lively for the third baseman. The batsman under the new rules offers at the ball a moment later, and the force of the swing turns him around, thus resulting in the ball being driven down to third base.

The death of pitchers is not caused by the increased pitching distance, but by the natural strains. He is compelled by the rules of the game to pitch with might and main from 125 to 175 balls during a period of time ranging from one hour and a half to two hours, overstraining the coria and muscles of his shoulder, which soon results in his being landed "on the bench."

RECORD OF THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

Club	Won	Lost	Per Cent
Pittsburgh	22	13	.625
Philadelphia	21	13	.618
Brooklyn	21	14	.603
Boston	22	15	.595
Cleveland	16	13	.552
Baltimore	19	17	.529
Louisville	12	22	.353

FIVE PERISH BY FIRE.

Tenants Wake From Sleep to Find Escape Cut Off.

Five persons were killed at a fire that began just about midnight in the five-story flat house at 138 East Forty-third street, New York City. They were: William Bente, a stenographer; Mrs. Bente, his wife; Elsie Bente, his sister, aged twenty, who was on a visit to him; Helen Wetmore, Diets, his niece; Pugh, a young man who had a hall bedroom on the top floor.

All these were on the top floor when the fire was discovered. All the flats in the house were occupied except the third, and there the fire began. It was up through the roof in a minute by means of the stairway, and was illuminating the neighborhood.

The fire was easily controlled, but before it was under control and within ten minutes from that all the firemen had long ladders up to the top of the five-story building, and were beginning a search, was nearly 1:30 o'clock in the morning that they found the five bodies.

M'KINLEY RENOMINATED.

No Other Name Presented in the Ohio Republican Convention.

In the Republican State Convention at Columbus Governor McKinley's name was presented by Colonel Bob Nevin, of Dayton, and seconded by Senator J. W. Nichols, of Belmont.

There were no other nominations, and the Governor was declared renominated amid a scene of enthusiasm.

A committee brought the Governor into the hall, where he was greeted for several moments. He then addressed the Convention, accepting the nomination.

All the present State officers were then unanimously renominated.

PICNIC PARTY DROWNED.

They Were Upset From Their Carriage Into a Deep Spring.

A despatch from Springville, Minn., says that at a picnic party at Kummer Springs, about six miles northeast of that place, Luther Turner, Otto Stevens and daughter and Mrs. Morrow got into Mr. Turner's carriage, went to the Spring for water and in going had to drive along the side of the Spring, which is very large, descending suddenly from the top of the hill. In some way the team became frightened, jumping off the bank and upsetting all into the water, drowning them and the team.

CHOLERA IN TURKEY.

Thousands of People Dying on the Lower Tigris.

Reports from several cities of Asiatic Turkey say that the cholera has appeared in many districts and is spreading rapidly. Among the Lower Tigris and the flat-land Arab hills people are dying by thousands. Many villages have been destroyed by those fleeing from the pest. The panic has become so great that few families wait to bury their dead or even to nurse their sick, but flee to the next town to escape the infection. Over 70,000 persons have fled from Basora province alone.

Queer Facts About Money.

There are 119,000,000 old copper pennies somewhere. Nobody knows what has become of them, except that once in a while a single specimen turns up in change. A few years ago 4,500,000 bronze two-cent pieces were set afloat. Three millions of them are still outstanding. Three million three-cent nickel pieces are scattered over the United States, but it is very rarely that one is seen.

Of 800,000 half cents, which correspond in value to English farthings, not one has been returned to the Government for coinage or is held by the Treasury. Congress appropriates from \$100,000 to \$150,000 yearly for recoining the unrecurred silver coins now in possession of the Treasury. These are mostly half dollars, and are not circulated, because there is no demand for them.

Not long ago the stock of them amounted to \$26,000,000, but it is only about half that now. The money set aside for recoining is not intended to pay for the cost of minting, but is required to reimburse the Treasurer of the United States on account of the loss of weight which silver pieces have suffered by abrasion. The loss amounts to \$30 on every \$1000, and it has to be made good in order to set the Treasurer's accounts straight.—Boston Transcript.

The Origin of "William."

The name "William" was not originally bestowed upon children; it was a title conferred upon warriors as a reward of merit.

When the ancient Germans fought with the Romans the former were armed only with light weapons, such as swords, spears, shields, etc. The Romans, being born warriors, knew the use of arms, and always appeared on the field as walking arsenals.

If a German killed one of these well-armed Romans and captured his metal helmet, usually a gilded headpiece of much magnificence, the commander of the German troops would order the helmet to be set upon the head of the brave man who had slain the original owner.

Ever since this event the German hero was known as "Gildhelme." The French knew him as "Guldhoume," and afterwards as "Guillame." Finally the French "Guillame" became "William," and soon evolved into "William."—New York Dispatch.

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THE PILGRIM SPRING BED.

KARL'S GLOVER ROOT.

CHOLERA IN TURKEY.

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Timidity of Elephants.

A big elephant which was employed to drag away the carcass of a dead bullock and had allowed the burden to be attached by ropes without observing what it was, happened to look around and instantly bolted, its fright increasing every moment as the unknown object jumped and bumped at its heels. After running some miles, like a dog with a tin can tied to its tail, the elephant stopped and allowed itself to be turned around, and drew the bullock back again without protest.—London Spectator.

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